

## **BAD NEWS FROM FLINT: DD's Editor Worse Off**

The last issue of DD alluded to Phyllis Kitson's sudden & unwelcome knee problem, which has turned out to be osteo arthritis. The offending knee has collapsed under her twice, once causing her to fall the length of the stairway, picking up several injuries along the way: a gash in the left temple & a separated left shoulder, among lesser problems. Fortunately she wasn't alone in the house when this 2nd fall occurred, so help was quickly summoned, & she spent the afternoon in the ER.

Now her whole house has been turned upside down in an effort to cram all the most essential things into the 4 first floor rooms, & Phyllis is ordered not to go upstairs nor down in the basement. Nor can she drive her car! It is a much diminished lifestyle, but her aches & bruises are (very gradually) lessening, & her family is providing fantastic & constant help in dozens of different ways - Bless 'em!

Her Internet service is another casualty of this situation. (No phone jack near the new placement of the computer.) Apologies for any unanswered E-mail, & don't send any more until further notice, please.

Of course any research is out of the question under these circumstances. There's no possibility of going to the library; in fact, she can't even get at the books on the top shelf of her OWN library-- & where else would the Dunham books be but on the top shelf?

We're sharing all this sorry tale to explain why "Mrs. Prompt-to-a-fault" may not be so swift anymore. Hang in there, & please keep sending in your great Dunham materials.

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THE LIFE OF SOLOMON DUNHAM (1793-1865)(7))Deacon John 1, John 2, John 3, Elisha 4, Elisha 5, Elijah 6), shared by Harold Leeman, Lansing, MI. PART 2.

On the Fourth of July, 1839, Daniel went to a dance. Dances lasted late in those days, and when he returned early in the morning, he found his father making a fire. His father told him that it was a queer state of affairs when young men stayed out so late that their fathers had to build the morning fires. Daniel protested that it was much too early for the fire, but it did not take long to discover that his father was making the fire because there was a new baby in the house. On being invited to name the baby, Daniel said, "Call it John." For several years thereafter, John was the name daughter Emma went by.

Mr. Dunham was not long satisfied with log cabins as his home and built the central part of the house now used as an office for his residence. The bricks were made by Daniel Stearns and were molded one at a time in a wooden form and were burned on the



SOLOMON DUNHAM (from Page 1)

premises on a spot south of the creek at the west end of the present gravel pit. The building of this home took place before the government had sold the land to the settlers. It took most of Mr. Dunham's ready capital, and it was with difficulty that he was able to secure sufficient cash that year for his land payment. Interest rates ran from forty to one hundred percent that year.

The land throughout this and the adjoining townships had not been surveyed by the government at the time of its settlement, but was taken up by the pioneers who plowed around the farm on the prairies or marked the trees in the timber, claiming land in such shape as suited their convenience, the main consideration being that there should be a grove of good timber included within the limits. The various tracts were known as "squatters' claims", and they were cultivated and eventually fenced with the same zigzag boundaries which are found in the farms, townships, and counties in the eastern states to this day. In 1835 the woods were mostly big trees with little undergrowth, as the Indians burned through them every fall so that the game might more easily be seen. The Indians were still plentiful in the country. They were always treated with wholesome respect by the settlers and never committed more serious depredations than occasionally to steal corn and pumpkins. Wolves carried off sheep, howled beneath cabin windows, and were shot within 20 feet of the doors. Fifty deer were frequently seen in a single herd. The virgin land was fertile, three tons of white clover hay to the acre being cut in the field opposite the house.

In 1838-40 the land was officially surveyed, and in June, 1842, the sections were sold at auction in Chicago. Parts of several claims were thus embodied in one section and sold to a single purchaser. Much injustice might have arisen from settlers losing their improvements had they not formed regular claim organizations, placing themselves under bonds to observe certain salutary regulations for the general welfare. A special agent was selected to bid in the sections or parts of sections for \$1.25 per acre on the day appointed for the sale, naming as the purchaser in each case the settler who owned the largest share of the tract sold. At the end of the sale, each settler who had purchased any portion of his neighbor's farm deeded it back to him at the same price which had been paid for it.

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## NEW YORK VITAL STATISTICS

Bill Burke, Watertown, NY, has recently completed an enormous project:: compiling vital records of Dunhams who were residents of New York--births, marriages, & deaths. In this issue we'll start presenting the births, which were first recorded in 1881. In instances where there is no certificate number, the original was illegible, Bill notes. Where there is nothing in the county column, the specific location could not be identified. (As, for instance, there is a "Pine Hill" in 5 different counties. A simple M or F in the name column indicates the birth of a child who had not yet been given a first name. Special thanks go to Bill for this monumental effort on behalf of all of us. We hope that it will prove useful in providing clues to Dunham researchers, & that DD can last long enough to present all the many pages that the report includes.

	year	name	date	location	County	Cer. No.
1	1914	F	12/27	Albany	Albany	92534
2	1914	Elisabeth	8/21	Albany	Albany	66276
3	1914	Jean M.	5/23	Albany	Albany	32155
4	1916	Anna	9/21	Albany	Albany	72616
5	1917	Albert R.	11/10	Albany	Albany	91512
6	1918	Francis W.	10/8	Albany	Albany	?
7	1920	Elizabeth M.	3/21	Albany	Albany	18089
8	1921	Florence M.	5/22	Albany	Albany	36654
9	1922	Helen M.	3/14	Albany	Albany	17825
10	1906	Marion C.	12/24	Green Id	Albany	57113
11	1920	Harold C.	1/13	Watervliet	Albany	248
12	1882	Susan M.	7/17	Alfred	Allegany	9526
13	1889	William E.	9/13	Alfred	Allegany	34523
14	1896	M	3/31	Alfred	Allegany	13734
15	1918	Ada L.	10/14	Alfred	Allegany	?
16	1891	George V.	4/26	Alfred Center	Allegany	16641
17	1890	F	1/6	Allen	Allegany	892
18	1896	M	5/11	Belfast	Allegany	20138
19	1899	Dorris	2/27	Cuba	Allegany	7653
20	1900	William C. Jr.	8/10	Cuba	Allegany	30909
21	1896	Eva	6/10	Barker	Broome	24662
22	1901	Darward C.	4/5	Barker	Broome	13035
23	1907	Harold S.	10/27	Barker	Broome	51810
24	1913	Arlowene L.	10/6	Barker	Broome	58395
25	1922	Leana G.	7/14	Barker	Broome	72139
26	1890	M	4/12	Bing	Broome	13607
27	1906	Rena	4/15	Bing	Broome	15990
28	1889	Jennie H.	3/14	Bing.	Broome	9581
29	1890	Florance M.	11/17	Bing.	Broome	42240
30	1894	Mildred J.	4/22	Bing.	Broome	15586
31	1897	Cecil L.	5/17	Bing.	Broome	21632
32	1898	F	8/4	Bing.	Broome	30876
33	1899	Sands H.	2/2	Bing.	Broome	4252
34	1905	Fern	2/5	Bing.	Broome	5098
35	1914	Marshall G.	6/24	Bing.	Broome	46855
36	1917	Helen E.	9/16	Bing.	Broome	74077
37	1919	Elizabeth F.	12/22	Bing.	Broome	90425
38	1920	Lewis W.	10/10	Bing.	Broome	82157
39	1920	Stuart A.	1/24	Bing.	Broome	515
40	1922	Rodney W.	10/2	Bing.	Broome	80898



	year	name	date	location	County	Cer. No.
41	1913	William A.	9/12	Bing.	Broome	51783
42	1921	F	6/23	Bing.	Broome	46354
43	1903	Marie L.	12/20	Castle Creek	Broome	48302
44	1915	Robert W.	1/26	Castle Creek	Broome	49
45	1888	John	12/13	Chenango	Broome	44392
46	1889	M	12/9	Chenango	Broome	46010
47	1905	Harold S.	7/12	Chenango	Broome	30118
48	1910	Nelson C.	6/15	Chenango	Broome	31931
49	1919	Louise P.	10/7	Chenango	Broome	72721
50	1910	Maurice E.	2/13	East Maine	Broome	7785
51	1916	Francis H.	6/24	Endicott	Broome	45716
52	1918	Harry M.	10/18	Endicott	Broome	?
53	1894	Ethel A.	7/7	Lestershire	Broome	27546
54	1897	Caroline M.	2/20	Lestershire	Broome	8040
55	1900	Beatrice E.	8/31	Lestershire	Broome	34952
56	1904	M	11/2	Lestershire	Broome	44762
57	1905	M	12/12	Lestershire	Broome	53757
58	1905	Lester A.	1/29	Lestershire	Broome	3875
59	1906	Glenn O.	3/20	Lestershire	Broome	12009
60	1907	Dorothy E.	5/5	Lestershire	Broome	18405
61	1908	Harland A.	11/28	Lestershire	Broome	59250
62	1908	Talmage D.	1/31	Lestershire	Broome	4702
63	1893	Boyd	8/8	Lisle	Broome	37075
64	1892	M	2/15	Maine	Broome	6586
65	1898	M	11/6	Maine	Broome	44413
66	1914	Howard E.	8/12	Nanticoke	Broome	?
67	1898	Mildred	10/20	Tracy Creek	Broome	42156
68	1912	Marjorie L.	12/	Triangle	Broome	69662
69	1917	James L.	3/5	Triangle	Broome	23692
70	1919	Wanda	7/8	Triangle	Broome	48814
71	1919	Wilma	7/8	Triangle	Broome	48813
72	1920	Harry W.	3/3	Triangle	Broome	18512
73	1920	Mineva G.	11/27	Triangle	Broome	90598
74	1884	Robert	11/24	Union	Broome	26634
75	1903	Harriet M.	8/11	Union	Broome	30787
76	1920	Jane A.	5/28	Union	Broome	36791
77	1911	Jennie E.	10/1	Upper Lisle	Broome	55347
78	1914	Myra M.	10/16	Barber	Broome/Niag	75977
79	1905	F	6/30	Allegany	Cattaraugus	28195
80	1909	M	2/10	Allegany	Cattaraugus	5692
81	1911	F	2/11	Allegany	Cattaraugus	5438
82	1887	F	7/24	Auburn	Cayuga	24533
83	1897	Beatrice	7/8	Auburn	Cayuga	29371
84	1899	Newell	8/16	Auburn	Cayuga	30665
85	1904	Alice M.	9/24	Auburn	Cayuga	38937
86	1905	Lillian B.	1/21	Auburn	Cayuga	2706

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## DEATHS

## DEATH

## DUNHAM

Dorothy Benedict Dunham, 91, of 17 Drury Lane, Longmeadow, Mass., and formerly of Warren, died Tuesday, Aug. 15, 1989, in Bay State Medical Center, Springfield, Mass.

She was born in Pleasantville, the daughter of the late Ward Davis and Myrtle McGregor Benedict. She was a graduate of Pleasantville High School and Edinboro University. Before her marriage, she was a teacher in the Oil City Public Schools. Later she served as a teacher for home-bound children in Warren. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Warren, the Blue Stocking Club, the Order of the Eastern Star, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the American Legion Auxiliary and the National Teachers Association.

Mrs. Dunham is survived by a daughter, Elizabeth D. Riker of Longmeadow; a sister, Martha B. Averill of Pleasantville; two granddaughters, Margaret R. Butler of Knoxville, Tenn., and Nancy W. Riker of Buffalo, N.Y.; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arlyn F. Dunham in 1971; and a sister, Mildred Waddell.

Graveside rites with burial in Fairview Cemetery, Pleasantville will be at the convenience of the family. The Gordon B. Garrett Funeral Home is in charge.

A memorial service will be conducted on Saturday in the First Presbyterian Church of Warren at 3:30.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church in Warren or Pleasantville.

Bob W. Dunham, Madison, WI, shares these obituaries from THE TITUSVILLE (PA) HERALD. Though Bob does not know how these individuals connect with the total Dunham picture, perhaps some reader may.



MARIAN D. MORGAN

## DUNHAM

Clyde L. Dunham, 80, of Kane Road, Sheffield, died at the home of his son in Sheffield at 4 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, 1985.

Mr. Dunham was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dunham and was born Feb. 15, 1905, in Pleasantville.

He worked in the oil fields his entire life and retired in 1972.

He is survived by four children, Helen Donhoo of South Carolina, David Dunham of Sheffield, Mary Entree of Florida and Kathy Nelson of Warren; ten grandchildren; two brothers, Roscoe Dunham of Greenville and Cecil E. Dunham of Titusville; one sister, Mildred Yetke of Cleveland, O.

Preceding him in death were his first wife, the former Mildred Covell; two sons, John and Pete; one brother, Marion; and a sister, Katherine.

Friends may call at the Borden Vincent Funeral Home at Sheffield from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. today and attend the funeral service there at 11 a.m. Tuesday with Rev. Ralph Romaine of the Sheffield Methodist Church officiating.

Interment will be in Fairview Cemetery, Pleasantville.

## MORGAN

Mrs. Marian D. Morgan, 61, of Pleasantville, RD 1, died at 1:20 p.m. Saturday, May 9, 1987, in Titusville Hospital following a short illness.

Mrs. Morgan was born in Starbrick, Conewango Township, Warren County, March 8, 1926, a daughter of the late Maxwell W. and Eva Stone Dunham. She married William H. Morgan June 4, 1947, in Neilltown Church. She was a graduate of Pleasantville High School in 1942. She received a bachelor of science degree from Clarion State College in 1961; and later attended Westminster College. At the time of her death she was a teacher in the Titusville Area School District and taught in the area since 1961. Mrs. Morgan was listed in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, 1960-61. She was a member of the Pleasantville First United Presbyterian Church and had served as church deacon.

Mrs. Morgan was also a member of the Titusville Education Association; the Pennsylvania State Education Association; the National Educational Association and the Delta Kappa Gamma Society.

She is survived by her husband of Pleasantville, RD 1; a daughter, Mrs. Barbara Sabraw of Cochran; two sisters, Linda Whitten of Russell and Mrs. Evelyn Burt of Gettysburg; a brother, Richard S. Dunham of Vandalia, O.; two grandchildren; a great-grandson; and several nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends will be received today from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the Leo N. Hennes Funeral Home and may attend the funeral service Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the First United Presbyterian Church of Pleasantville with Rev. David K. Wood, pastor, officiating. Interment will be in Neilltown Cemetery.

The family has said memorial contributions may be made to the First United Presbyterian Church of Pleasantville.

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